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SUBJECT: EC INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED DUMPING BY US PRODUCERS
OF VINYL ACETATE

REF: MURPHY/MCLEAN TELCON 8/16

1. COMMISSION OFFICIALS CALLED IN MISSION OFFICER
AUGUST 17 TO INFORM US THE COMMISSION WILL OPEN AN ANTI-
DUMPING INVESTIGATION AUGUST 22 AGAINST US CHEMICAL FIRMS
PRODUCING VINYL ACETATE. PRODUCERS NAMED IN THE COMPLAINT
BROUGHT BY CEFIC, THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CHEMICAL
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PRODUCERS, ARE BORDEN INC., CELANESE CHEMICAL CO.,
E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & CO., US INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL CO.,
AND UNION CARBIDE.

2. THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES THAT THERE HAS BEEN DUMPING OF
US VINYL ACETATE MONOMER AT PRICES 23 - 31 PERCENT LOWER
ON THE EUROPEAN MARKET THAN THOSE APPLICABLE TO AMERICAN

CUSTOMERS AND THAT THIS HAS RESULTED IN INJURY TO THE EC INDUSTRY THROUGH A 20 PERCENT DECLINE IN THEIR PRICES AND A LOSS OF 30 PERCENT OF THE MARKET TO US FIRMS.

3. ON QUESTIONING, COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAID THAT THERE WERE OTHER POSSIBLE ANTI-DUMPING CASES CONCERNING CHEMICALS SOME INVOLVING US COMPANIES, IN THE PIPELINE, BUT THAT IT WAS UNCERTAIN THAT THESE CASES WOULD EVENTUALLY BE OPENED AND FOR THIS REASON THE COMMISSION PREFERRED NOT TO MUDDY THE WATERS BY DISCUSSING THEM. CHEMICAL-RELATED ANTI-DUMPING COMPLAINTS ARE ALSO BEING BROUGHT AGAINST THE GDR, POLAND, AND ROMANIA FOR POLYBUTADIENE (SYNTHETIC RUBBER) SOLD IN EC MARKETS UNDER "BUYBACK" DEALS. ANOTHER INVESTIGATION WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK ON VISCOSE RAYON FROM GREECE.

4. COPY OF COMMISSION BRIEF ON THE CASE BEING POUCHED TO RPE/MCLEAN. HINTON

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